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Commandeering of Free Engineering Bangalore city hall

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MINISTER FOR LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Bangalore 17th July 194 2

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR LOCAL SELF GOVT & PUBLIC HEALTH
Dat 17747
No 613

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GOVT OF MYSORE

1) An immediate report may be called for from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City on the following points

(1) the time when the fire accident referred to in the Daily Post took place,

(2) whether the Municipal Commissioner went to the spot and directed prompt measures in the matter,

(3) whether the fire-engine was ready for use and if not, reasons for the same

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with compliments

2) attnee pl

3) submit with a draft letter for approval

4) Issue action

To the Mnl Comm. Bang
No L656 dy 20-7-42
Calls for information on certain points

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From the ml Commr, Bcss
NO C2 C 173/42 27-8 42
It furnishes the information called for
5) The information furnished by the ml Commr is flagged 'L' and dealt with reference to para 1 supra
Ans 12/8 GS(
6) Dispersal with reference to para 1 supra
Lawrence) for 17/8/42
It may be ascertained whether the parts that I am have been tested, which can be
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Ans 13-8-42 from
8) the 18 8 42 Ans 18-8-42
9) Please see SS 18/8
10) Sorted with a draft letter for appl
Ans 19/8
11) Issue
21/8/42

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To the Rl Commr. Bay thro DRS
No L 2317 Dy 27-8-42
Requests him to intimate whether the driving shaft centrifugal pump of the Fire engine had been tested previously & if so when & by whom
from the Rl Commr Bay thro the DRS
No C2.C 173/42 Dy 2-10-42
forwards the report called for
W/ the report submitted by the Rl Engineer to for perusal (Vide flag "K")
It is stated that the Fire Engine had attended to the several calls before the accident in question & that the exact dates of attending etc, are not available as the Log Book in which the particulars were recorded was burnt in the recent disturbance on 17-8-42, The Commr has not stated the date when the was last tested This reply is unhelpful
Submitted with reference to paras 7 & 8 Supra

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It is indeed unfortunate that the fire occurred & where the records were kept etc have not been stated However be stated that the Rl fire engine is more known for its failures than by doing its duties in putting out fires and it so happens that

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it finds when its services are most needed. What appears to be the prime impression created by the number of complaints that appear in the Press from time to time about its working is the present use of power [illegible]

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15 For perusal [illegible]

16) For perusal [illegible]

Office of the Minister for L S G & P H Dat 12-10-42 No 2982

17) As it is in order now it may [illegible] be got tested [illegible] 12 to 13 10 42

18) [illegible]

19) [illegible] with a draft letter for appl 16/10

20) [illegible]

15 To Re ml Comm, Bcf, thro PWs no 4191 dt 20-10-42 Requests him to state whether cases in order now Lrs may be got tested immediately and a report sent up to Oct etc,

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Condition of the Fire Engine - Bcly - Mlg -
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From the ml Comm, Bcly this Dft
NOCQ C 173/42 Dt 12-11-42 -
States that the Fire Engine was got tested by the ARP officer, Bangalore cf during the ARP Practice & was found to be working Satisfactorily -
21) Submitted for perusal ME report furnished by the ARP Officer as flagged 'C'. Reference Para 17 supra
13/11 M
22) Perusal - refer para 17 supra
Lawley) Lr 14/11/42

It is stated that the Fire Engine was tested by the ARP officer, Bangalore during the ARP Practice & was found to be working satisfactorily -

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FOR LSG PP 4 Dt 16th 11 1942 N 3904

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The Daily Post

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THURSDAY EVENING

Non Performing Fire-Engines

Bangalore City prides it elf about many things There are some things concerning which it may reasonably preen and plume its feathers But there is one thing—a very important thing—about which it may not can not dare not feel either happy or safe And that is the performance—non performance really—of the City s fire engines on the occasion of the blaze last Tuesday With clanging bells they sped swiftly through the streets at the call of duty but for reasons which a Committee of Enquiry had best enquire into promptly these engines *veni vidi* but certainly did not *vici* Why? How is it that they became simply lookers on ? What happened? Why did they have to leave it to the Station s fire engines to tackle the blaze and quell it ? The City s public has a right to know and a right to an assurance that steps are being taken to break the City fire engines of a mulish trait Had it not been for the Station s fire engines which did a splend d job of work aided we have no doubt by the main personnel of the City s Fire Brigade the fire may have spread widely and attained to proportions such as may have justified us in reporting a colossal calamity It is not for performances of this kind nor for masterly inacti vity in an emergency that the public pay taxes So what ? Is it necessary to draw a picture of Bangalore City under not a rain nor a shower but just a light drizzle of incendiaries with fire engines rushing to and fro but impotent to pour a drop of water on the flames reducing to ruins count less homes mills factories and goods and taking toll of human life ? Then is it not a fact that in a street of timber and bamboo yards only one service hydrant is provided and that the pressure at this hydrant was insufficient to send along the hose pipes more than an annoying and useless trickle of water ? Happily in the case of the fire on Tuesday, a well nearby was discovered and from it was drawn the water required to put out the fire

There are in the City no less than three large mills a dozen or more cinema houses many small factories and several congested areas and the City Municipality has two fire engines which, seemingly are not to be relied upon to do their work in an emergency City residents cannot feel safe about things today They will require a deal of reassuring and certainly will not be satisfied with simply a departmental enquiry The whole subject of fire fighting in the City must be enquired into and overhauled So what again?

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Submitted for favour of perusal
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Dy
10/7/42

Chief Secretary)

Hon'ble Dy 10/7

A report may be
called for in respect of
why the Fire Engines did
not work in time on that
day

Sd
11/7/42

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SUBJECT

Diary No of letter replied to

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 20 7 42

Signed by M R Rao

(Probationary Asst)

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Section ML

File No 148-42

Serial No 5

No L 656

To

The ML Comm Beig

Sir

I am directed to invite reference to an article appearing in the Daily Post* under the heading "Non performing Fire Engines" on Thursday evening and to request you to be so good as to furnish information on the following points:—

(1) the time when the fire accident referred to in the Daily Post took place,

(2) whether the ML Comm went

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to the spot and directed prompt measures in the matter,

(5) whether the fire-engine was ready for use, & if not, reasons for the same

The matter may be kindly treated as immediate

Thanks etc

for Secretary Board
Law Dept

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No L 656 Mel

Dated Bangalore 20 July 1942

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Law Department

To

The Municipal Commissioner,
Bangalore City.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to an article appearing in the Daily Post under the head " Non performing Fire Engines" published on Thursday evening (9-7-42) and to request you xxx to be so good as to forward a detailed report in the matter immediately with information on the following points:-

(1) the time when the fire accident referred to in the Daily post took place

(2) whether the Municipal Commissioner went to the spot and directed prompt measures in the matter,

and whether the fire -engine was ready for use, and if not, reasons for the same

matter to be kindly treated as immediate

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Draft) for Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

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No C2-C 173/42 MUNICIPAL OFFICES

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From

ABDUL AZIZ KHAN ESQ B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

11 AUG 1942
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To

C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq , B A , B L ,
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE
LAW DEPARTMENT BANGALORE

SIR

With reference to your letter No 656 dated 20th July 1942 calling for a report on the accidental fire which occurred on 8-7-42 in Bamboo Bazaar, I have the honour to forward a copy of the report of the Municipal Engineer submitted with his memo No E6-G1 428/42-43 dated 30-7-1942 on the subject for favour of information of Government

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner

mlt

Copy of Memo No E6-G1 428/42-43 dated 30th July 1942, from the Municipal Engineer, City Municipality, Bangalore to the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality, Bangalore City

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Subject -

Article appearing in Daily Post under the head 'Non-performing Fire Engines'

Submitted to the Municipal Commissioner with reference to his memo No C2-173/42 dated 23-7-42

Points raised by the secretary to Government	Report
1 The time when the fire accident referred to in the Daily Post took place	On 9-7-42 while the fire fighter was attending a Municipal work in Basavangudi, information reached the spot at 10 57 A M and immediately the fire engine was taken to the place of accident at 11 5 A M On enquiry it was found that the fire broke out at 10 30 A M
2 Whether Municipal Commissioner went to the spot and directed prompt measures in the matter	The Municipal Commissioner and the Municipal Engineer went to the spot and gave necessary instructions to the Municipal staff
3 and whether the fire engine was ready for use, and if not reasons for the same	The fire fighter was in good condition and readily started to spray water at 11.5 A M It continued for 58 minutes and at this stage the driving shaft centrifugal pump gave way and thus the pump could not function further The whole staff, afterwards, helped the other fire fighters in extinguishing the fire completely till 2.30 P M

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Municipal Commissioner

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No L 2317/Rev 168-42-11 *Bangalore dated* 25th August 1942

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore
Law Department

To

The Municipal Commissioner,
Bangalore City,
(Through the President, City Municipal Council,
Bangalore)

Sir,

With reference to your letter No C2-C 173/42 dated 7th August 1942 forwarding a report on the accidental fire which occurred in the City on 8th July 1942, I am directed to enquire whether the driving shaft centrifugal pump of the fire engine which is reported to have given way while working on the above date had been tested previously and if so, when and by whom

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Draft)

For Secretary to Government,
Law Department

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SUBJECT

Section ML
File No 148-42
Serial No 11

Diary No of letter replied to

No L 2317

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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The ML Comm, Bcy, Thos Dy

Sir,

I ate of issue 28/8/42

With reference to your letter no CR C173/42 Dy 7-8-42 forwarding a report on the accidental fire which occurred in the city on 8-7-42, I am directed to ~~request you to be so good as to state~~ enquire whether the driving shaft centrifugal pumps of the Fire Engines which is reported to have given way while on the above date working had been tested previously & if so, when & by whom

Signed by

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Mil 148-42-14

From

ABDUL AZIZ KHAN Esq B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

SECY LAW DEPT

C BRANCH

To

C. Narayanaswamy Naidu Esq , B A , B L
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE
LAW DEPARTMENT BANGALORE

SIR

With reference to your letter No L 2317/M1 148-42-11 dated 17-8-1942, enquiring whether the driving shaft centrifugal pump of the fire engine which gave way while working on 8th July 1942, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the report of the Municipal Engineer dated 24-9-1942 on the above subject which contains the information called for

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Forwarded with cimpliments

C Narayanaswamy Chetty

Hon'ble President

A A Khan

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

VSG/-

Memo No E6-GL 1168/42-43 dated 24th Sept , 1942 from the Municipal Engineer, City Municipality, Bangalore, to the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore-City

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The fire engine including the driving shaft centrifugal pump had been tested first by Messrs Webb's & Co , who are good businessmen in the line and who supplied lorries and attended to repairs several times before Further the Fire-fighter attended to several A R P calls prior to the accident and was tested by A R P authorities It was tested by the Water Supply Inspector also after the A R P scheme was taken up and the fire-fighter attended to many fire calls prior to the accident The exact dates of attending etc , are not available as the Log Book in which the particulars were recorded was burnt in the recent disturbance on 17th August 1942

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Municipal Commissioner

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SUBJECT

Section ML
File No 14842
Serial No 15

Diary No of letter replied to

No L 4191

To

General and Revenue Secretariat
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The ML Commr, Bangr. thro Dob

Sir.

Date of issue 20/10/42

with reference to your letter No CA-C 173/42 dt 2 10 42 re the condition of the Fire Engine maintained by the City md of the I am directed to request you to be so good as to state whether this in order now. It may be got tested immediately & report thereof sent to us each week. Thanking etc

Signed by Ver. GR Rao.

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Bangalore 11th November 1942

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SECY LAW DEPT
10 NOV 1942
GOVT OF MYSORE

From

ABDUL AZIZ KHAN Esq B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

To

C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq , B A , B L ,
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE
LAW DEPARTMENT BANGALORE

SIR

With reference to your letter No L 4191/M1 148-42-15 dated 20-10-1942 enquiring whether the Municipal Fire Engine is now in good order, I have the honour to inform you that it was got tested by the A R P Officer, Bangalore City during A R P Practice and was found to be working satisfactorily

A copy of letter No A R P 158/42-43 dated 26-10-1942 from the A R P Officer on the condition of the lorry is enclosed for ready reference

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Forwarded with compliments

C. Venkata Swamy Naidu
Honorary Vice President

A.A. Khan
Municipal Commissioner

mlt

Letter No D O A R P S 158/42-43 dated 26th October 1942 from M L Narasimhaiengar, Esq , B A , B E , M I E (Ind), A R P Officer, Bangalore City to D Govindappa, Esq , B Sc , (Edn) A M I E (Ind), Municipal Engineer, City Municipality, Bangalore City

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With reference to your personal conversation with me to-day, I wish to state that the Municipal Fire Fighting lorry was tried on Saturday morning (24th instant) during the A R P practice and it is found to be working satisfactorily It is necessary to have about 100 feet of 2½" hose pipes with necessary couplings for using the lorry during an emergency

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Municipal Commissioner

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